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Enclosed herewith is a continuing patent application and the following papers:

First Named Inventor (or application identifier): David Sidransky

Title of Invention: DETECTION OF HYPERMUTABLE NUCLEIC ACID SEQUENCE IN TISSUE

- Continuation
- Divisional
- Continuation-in-Part

of prior application No. 08/854,727, filed May 12, 1997

1. Specification 61 pages (including specification, claims, abstract) / 22 claims (2 independent)
2. Declaration/Power of Attorney:
 - Copy from Prior Application (for continuation or divisional application)
 - Newly Executed Declaration (for CIP application)
 - Deferred under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(f)
 - Deletion of Inventor(s) - Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b)
 - Incorporation by Reference - The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein
3. 4 Distinct sheets of Formal Informal Drawings
4. Preliminary Amendment
5. Information Disclosure Statement
 - Form 1449
 - A copy of each cited prior art reference
6. Assignment
 - Assignment with Cover Sheet attached
 - Assignment filed in prior application. Application assigned to: The Johns Hopkins University
7. Priority is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based upon the following application(s):

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8. Priority document(s)

9. Small Entity Statement

- Small Entity Statement was filed in prior application, Small Entity Status is still proper and desired
- is attached
- is no longer claimed

10. Microfiche Computer Program (Appendix)

11. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission

- Computer Readable Copy
- Paper Copy (identical to computer copy)
- Statement verifying identity of above copies

12. Calculation of Fees:

| FEES FOR | EXCESS CLAIMS | FEE | AMOUNT DUE |
|--|---------------|-------------|-----------------|
| Basic Filing Fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(a)) | | | \$790.00 |
| Total Claims in Excess of 20 (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(c)) | 2 | 22.00 | \$44.00 |
| Independent Claims in Excess of 3 (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(b)) | 0 | 32.00 | \$0.00 |
| Multiple Dependent Claims (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(d)) | 0 | 270.00 | \$0.00 |
| Subtotal - Filing Fee Due | | | \$834.00 |
| | | MULTIPLY BY | |
| Reduction by 50%, if Small Entity (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9, 1.27, 1.28) | 0.50 | | \$417.00 |
| TOTAL FILING FEE DUE | | | \$417.00 |
| Assignment Recordation Fee (if applicable) (37 C.F.R. § 1.21(h)) | 0 | 40.00 | \$0.00 |
| GRAND TOTAL DUE | | | \$417.00 |

13. PAYMENT is:

included in the amount of the GRAND TOTAL by our enclosed check. A general authorization under 37 C.F.R. § 1.25(b), second sentence, is hereby given to credit or debit our Deposit Account No. 19-0733 for the instant filing and for any other fees during the pendency of this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.18

not included, but deferred under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(f).

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